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has offered \$5,000 in prizes to inventors
of labor-saving machines to be used in
the sugar business. Three machines are
wanted, which planters think some one
could be able to invent, and they are
willing to pay for each. For a machine
that cuts cane the planters offer a prize of
\$1,000 to the man who submits the best
design. This sum will be increased to
\$2,000 if the design is accepted and
proves efficient. A cane transporter
and a machine to load cane into cars
are also wanted, and for these planters
offer \$1,500.—Scientific American.

THE PERRY MONUMENT

Japan Honoring Mem-
ory of Commodore.

SITE HAS BEEN CHOSEN

Standard Oil Company Finds a Big
Rival—Threatened Rising
in Corea.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 15.—A steam
launch of the N. Y. K. left Yokohama
on Monday, having on board Admiral
and Mrs. Beardslee, Mr. Otani Kahel,
Mr. Seidmore, United States deputy
consul-general, Mr. Ito, man-
ager of the N. Y. K. Yokohama
branch, and eight Japanese
gentlemen from Tokyo, who were to
proceed to Kurihama to select the site
of the proposed Perry monument.
The party reached their destination about
noon and were cordially welcomed by
the local people. The visitors were en-
tertained at a dinner at Mr. Osumi's.
Three old men, who have been living
in the district since the arrival of Com-
modore Perry, were present. One of
them is named Hirai Sukeshichi, and he
is aged 89. The local fishermen gave a
fishing exhibition for the visitors' amuse-
ment. Afterwards the party
chose a site for the proposed monu-
ment and erected a post to mark the
spot where Commodore Perry landed.
Admiral and Mrs. Beardslee planted a
young pine tree to commemorate the
occasion. An address was delivered by
Mr. Suzuki, M. P., representing Uruga
district. The Admiral and Mr. Otani
replied. After the party had been pho-
tographed they paid a visit of inspec-
tion to the Uruga dock yard. In the
club house belonging to the yard a col-
ation was served and shortly after 8
p. m. the party returned to Yokohama
by launch.

BIG PETROLEUM SCHEME.

With regard to the proposed petro-
leum scheme in Echigo province in rival-
ry with the Standard Oil Company, we
learn from the Japanese press that
Mr. Asano Soichiro, President of the
Tokyo Kisen Kaisha, whose connection
with Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co. is
well known, is making efforts to bring
about the consummation of the scheme.
Negotiations are proceeding to amal-
gamate the Nippon, the Zo-o and the
Takara Petroleum Companies, which
are the most influential of the existing
concerns, and to establish a new com-
pany with a capital of ten million yen,
equal to that of the Standard Oil Com-
pany. There is no doubt that Mr. Asa-
no is backed up by Messrs. Samuel
Samuel & Co. in his enterprise. If the
new scheme succeeds the kerosene in-
dustry in the Hokuryetsu province will
practically be competed for by the two
foreign concerns referred to.

In this connection it may be men-
tioned that the Standard Oil Company,
according to Japanese papers, is also
devoting its attention to the promising
industry of the kerosene industry in
Hokkaido. Recently it despatched an
engineer, Mr. Mudge, to Iwuri province
to make a survey of the mines there.
As the expert has reported favorably,
negotiations have now been opened
with the owners of the mines for their
purchase. In case of the property
changing ownership, mining will be
commenced next year as soon as the
thaw sets in.

THREATENED RISING IN COREA.

About three hundred Japanese resi-
dents in Chinnampo, Corea, have sent
a deputation to Tokyo and applied to
the Foreign Office for the despatch of
troops, within the limits prescribed by
the Russo-Japanese convention, to the
Corean port for the protection of the
Japanese residents, as there are signs
of trouble brewing among the natives.

ARREST A REVENUE OFFICIAL.

A report having reached the Yoro-
dzuobashi Revenue Office that Kato
Shunzo, a rich sake brewer at Ogawa-
machi, Kanda, had brewed a quantity
of sake without obtaining official li-
cense, an official named Owada was
sent to the brewer's on Thursday after-
noon. As the result of the examina-
tion he found several hundred koku
of sake supposed to have been illegally
brewed, and he proceeded to put a seal
on the vats containing the contraband
liquor. At this stage of the proceed-
ings the inmates became suspicious
that he was a bogus officer and sent on
a fraud. He was forcibly carried into
one of the inner godowns by members
of the establishment, where he was
locked up. Meanwhile, a report hav-
ing been made to the police, they ar-
rived upon the scene and in the ex-
amination that followed it was proved
beyond all doubt that the prisoner was
a genuine revenue official sent to dis-
charge his duties. Seals were at once
put on the contraband goods and at
the same time the men who confined
the official were arrested charged with
obstructing an official in the perform-
ance of his duties.

RESIGNATION OF KATSURA.

The resignation of Viscount General
Katsura, Minister of War, which was
tendered some time ago, on the plea of
ill-health, is to be accepted after all.
The resignation has long remained in
the hands of the Premier pending the

selection of a successor to the War Of-
fice. General Terauchi, vice chief of
the staff board, and General Kodama,
governor-general of Formosa, were
spoken of as the probable successors.
It now appears that a decision has been
arrived at in favor of the latter, who
is to hold the portfolio of the War Of-
fice in addition to his present post for
the time being. General Kodama has
been telegraphed for and is expected to
arrive in Tokyo about the 29th inst. It
is understood that a Cabinet Minis-
ter should simultaneously hold the post
of governor-general of Formosa, but
this position will be only temporary,
and as soon as a suitable successor is
found Viscount Kodama will be relieved
of his post in Formosa.

ASSAULTING FOREIGNERS.

About 9 p. m. on the 5th inst., while
four foreign gentlemen and a lady were
riding their bicycles through Kita-Shi-
nagawa, near Tokyo, a number of
workmen belonging to a factory set on
them. They struck the lady, and mal-
treated the other foreigners, who at-
tempted to protect her. The foreign-
ers at once reported the matter to the
police, but the culprits are still at large.

ORIENTAL BRIEFS.

Prince Arisugawa is suffering from
slight illness.

Prince Konoye is reported to be suf-
fering from throat trouble.

Viscount Tanaka has been laid up in
his house with slight illness.

Two further cases of plague are re-
ported from Yuasacho, Wakayama
Ken.

Another fatal case of plague is re-
ported from Yuasacho, Wakayama
Ken, today.

Fifty vessels are said to be frozen up
in the Peiho. The ice formed with un-
expected rapidity.

Mr. Song Kiun, the new Korean Minis-
ter to Japan, arrived in Tokyo on
Monday morning.

The flagship of the French Asiatic
Squadron arrived at Nagasaki from
Taku on the 10th inst.

Mr. Yusaburo Sakaki died on the 9th
at Paris. He had an extensive knowl-
edge of French literature.

The export of matches from Kobe
during last month amounted to 598,155
yen, against 454,571 yen for the preced-
ing month.

The Tsunaguchi-Unoki section of the
Nanpoo Railway, damaged owing to
the rough sea, was reopened to traffic
on the 12th inst.

Mr. T. Cowen, editor of the China
Times, and two others left Ujina for
North China on the 12th inst. in the trans-
port Sakura-maru.

The Government has decided to es-
tablish a quarantine office in Osaka and
to adopt rigorous measures to stamp
out the plague in this city.

The body of one of the sailors of the
Inujima-maru, which sank in the Inu-
dera Sea, was found ashore at Hamada,
near Osaka, on the 12th inst.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha contem-
plating providing a storehouse at each
port along the Yangtze, where the
company's ships are accustomed to call.

The Russian Government has ordered
the Baltic Shipbuilding Yard to con-
struct a dispatch boat of some 3,000
tons, at a cost of 600,000 roubles, for ser-
vice in the Far East.

The president of a French company
at Tonkin, engaged in distilling alcohol
from rice, is reported to have arrived
at Tokyo recently with a view of in-
specting the sake brewing business.

It is reported that several million
teels of horse shoe silver, which had
been brought to Moji from Tien-Tsin,
have been forwarded to the Shanghai
branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Admiral and Mrs. Beardslee left Yokohama
on Wednesday for Shanghai in the
S. S. China. After a short stay in
Shanghai they will visit Manila, via
Hongkong, and are expected to return
to Japan next spring.

The Japanese Christians think of
starting a daily paper of their own.
They have decided to dispatch Mr. Ren-
kichi Kawai in order to collect contri-
butions in America, England, France
and some other countries.

The Echo de Chine says that the
troops that are to winter around Pe-
king consist of 7,500 Germans, 5,000
British, 5,000 French, 4,000 Japanese, 2,
500 Italians, 1,750 Americans, and 250
Australians, in winter, and have to sus-
sist on potatoes and beans. This fall
the Otaru-maru was conveying rice
and other food stuffs when she met a
storm and turned back without reach-
ing the province. The inhabitants are
therefore expected to be in great dis-
tress from want of food.

The Asahi states that Dr. Eldridge,
American sanitary inspector at Yokohama,
has decided to prohibit the ex-
port of Kishu oranges to the United
States and Canada owing to the out-
break of plague in Wakayama Prefecture.
It is also stated that he will again
enforce the quarantine of steamer pas-
sengers for America, which has been
suspended for some time.

The appearance of foot and mouth
disease among milk cows has caused
the Metropolitan Police to prohibit the
transportation of cows in and out of
various wards and districts. No fewer
than 10 cows are suffering from dis-
ease and the sanitary authorities have
strictly ordered the keepers not to sell
the milk. The dairy men are thrown
into consternation in consequence of
this official order.

The two most important subjects to
be introduced at the Higo Ken Assem-
bly are a subsidy for the raw silk trade
amounting to 300,000 yen, which expendi-
ture, if authorized, is to be spread
over a period of ten years; and a sub-
sidy for the Bantan railway in order
to extend it to Tsuyama. This also
amounts to 300,000 yen, to be spread
over five years. Both proposals are
said to have received the approval of
most of the members, so they are likely
to be carried.

WAS WEARY OF LIVING

Horace Wright Took a
Deadly Draught.

FOUND DEAD YESTERDAY

Assistant Editor of Independent Kills
Himself With Carbolic
Acid.

Fearing the future, W. Horace
Wright, assistant editor of the Inde-
pendent and correspondent of the San
Francisco Call, took his life New
Year's eve. He was found dead yester-
day morning in his chair in the In-
dependent office. Beside him were
empty poison vials, telling how the vet-
eran newspaper man had let loose his
spirit.

Wright had planned his death delib-

erately, but as far as known left no
written word concerning it.

For months he had been seeking solace
in intoxicants for falling health and
depressed spirits and doubtless
when he made up his mind to commit
suicide he was unbalanced.

On Monday afternoon he bought two
bottles of carbolic acid, one at the
Hobson Drug Company's store and one
at Hollister's. At Hobson's he said in
asking for the acid that he wanted to
dilute it and make a wash for an old
wound. To the clerk at Hollister's he
gave the same reason for his purchase
and explained further that he would
use thirty parts of water to one of
acid.

He went from the latter store to the
Independent office and a compositor
who left there at half past four o'clock
in the afternoon saw him sitting in his
chair as he closed the door. An hour
before this he talked with a friend,
who noticed his haggard appearance
and commented on it. Wright was
then evidently in the depths of his
manner and looks.

E. J. Testa, owner of the Indepen-
dent, went to his office at 11 o'clock
Monday night and saw Wright in his
chair. His head was on his breast and
Testa, supposing his editor was drunk
and seeing a half bottle of whiskey on
the desk in front of him, paid no heed
to him.

Wright was probably dead then.
When Joseph Rosa, foreman of the In-
dependent composing room, went to
work at half past five o'clock yester-
day morning he peeped in the office
window before opening the door and
saw Wright.

"Happy New Year!" shouted Rosa,
for, as did everyone, he liked the man
and wished him well.

Wright did not reply and Rosa, who
had expected to hear a courteous
"Same to you," looked again. He noted
that Wright's face was white, and when
he had rapped on the window and still
the figure did not move, Rosa grew
afraid and rushing to Camarinos' place
next door, he begged the clerks there
to telephone to the police that he be-
lieved there was a dead man in the In-
dependent office.

The policeman came and one near
glance at Wright's face sent him hur-
rying for Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth.
A coroner's jury was impaneled, the
members of which were L. D. Timmons,
George Dillingham, Kirk B. Porter,
Frank Godfrey, John Sullivan and
James Carroll. With Dr. Emerson the
jury viewed the body. At 3:30 o'clock
this afternoon an inquest will be held.

Dr. Emerson found the lips of the
deceased burned with carbolic acid and
the empty vials completed the death
certificate. Wright had taken an enor-
mous draught of the fiery poison, but
had apparently been so far gone in
liquor at the time that he had not suf-
fered the usual agonies of a death by
that method.

His countenance was serene and his
easy, natural position in his chair pro-
ved that he had been oblivious to pain
from the acid. He had seemingly gone
out of life without a physical struggle.

Today he will be buried at Pearl
City Cemetery, the body being taken to
its last resting place on the 2:15 o'clock
funeral train.

Wm. Horace Wright was a man of
education and ability. He was 59 years
old but when in good health looked not
over 45. He was an Englishman and
had been a barrister in that country.

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A young man, he engaged in law and
journalism in California and did ex-
cellent work for the leading journals
of San Francisco. Twenty-four years
ago he came to Honolulu and had been
here continuously since that time. He
was admitted to the bar but never
practiced. He was a clerk in the for-
eign office under Minister Gibson and
edited several important reports during
his tenure of office there. Mr. Wright
had charge of the Chinese Bureau and
looked after the immigration of that
race for some time.

He endeared himself to the Chinese,
and until recently was often consulted
by them on important matters.

He was the adviser of the present
Chinese Consul until the row over the
Bow Wong Wui's application for a
charter. Since leaving governmental
life Mr. Wright had made his living
by correspondence for the San Fran-
cisco Call and other Mainland pub-
lications and for some years had assisted
in the editing of the Independent. He
had a good command of language and
a superb knowledge of Island affairs.

All along he was cursed with an ap-
petite for strong drink which now and
again overcame him and destroyed his
usefulness. But he had a gentle, poli-
tically and considerate manner and an
evident honesty of purpose which won
him friends on all sides. He was de-
void of malice and had no enemies.

Occasionally he confided to intimates
the fact that he had once been married
to a Spanish lady and that the separa-
tion from her by some other cause than
his own had cast a shadow over his life.
Wright was an American citizen and
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